

古
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galleria
YUIMICHI

DURUYA
NAGISA
presents

おもむろの
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古

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jellbau

FURUYA

NAGISA

STUDIO

number

call



call.

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NAGISA
presents
number
call

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Even after growing up, nothing's changed.

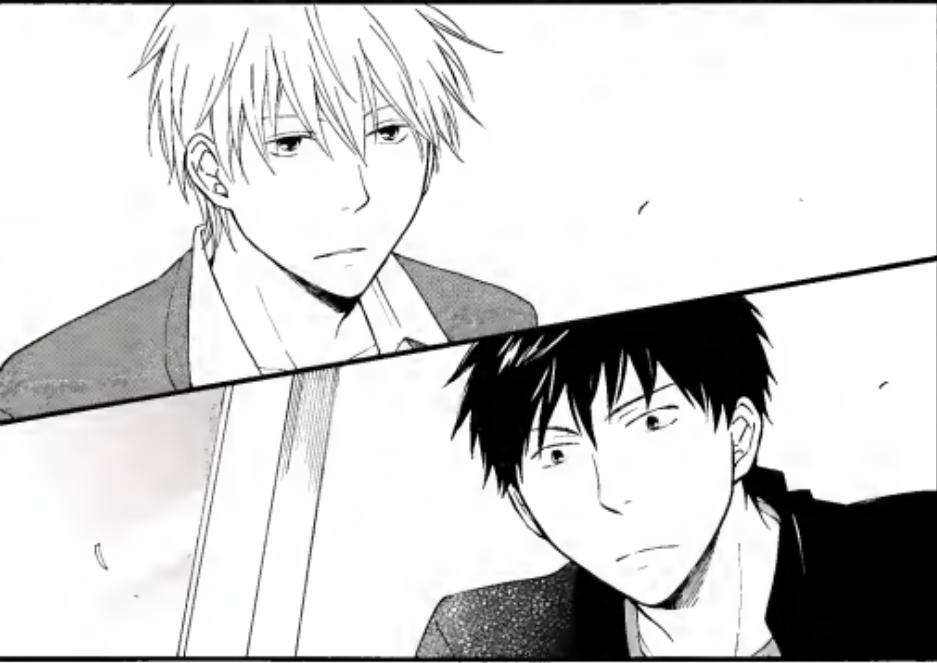


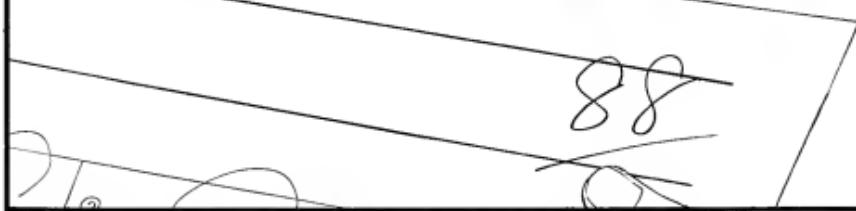
Honestly, it's a pain in the butt.















WHAT A
WEIRDO.



squeak



EIGHTO.

I'M GOING TO
GO GIVE THIS
BACK. YOU
HEAD DOWN
FIRST.



OH.



I
FORGOT
TO GIVE
THIS
MANGA
BACK.



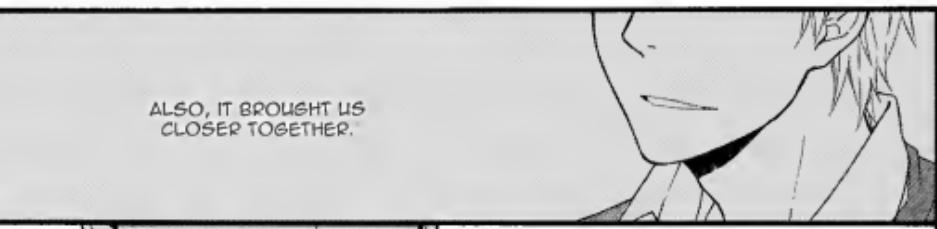


(T/N: 'hachi' also means 8. There are 3 main ways to say 8 in Japanese. 'hachi', 'ya' and the English 'eight'.)



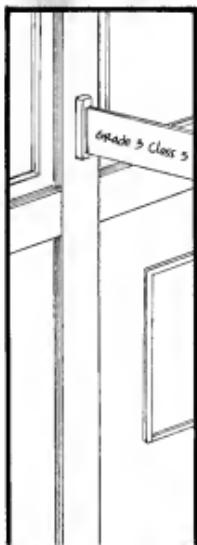


Hachiiii?

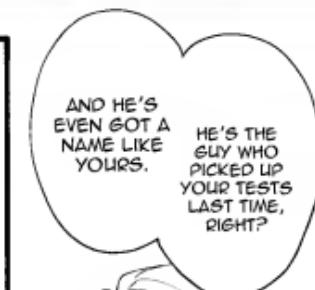
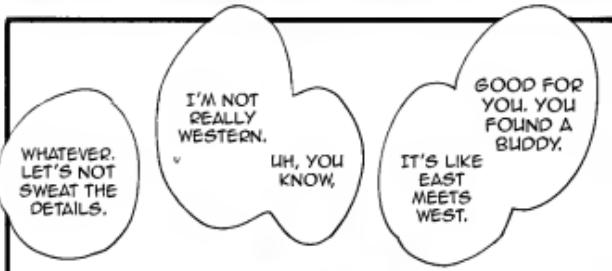
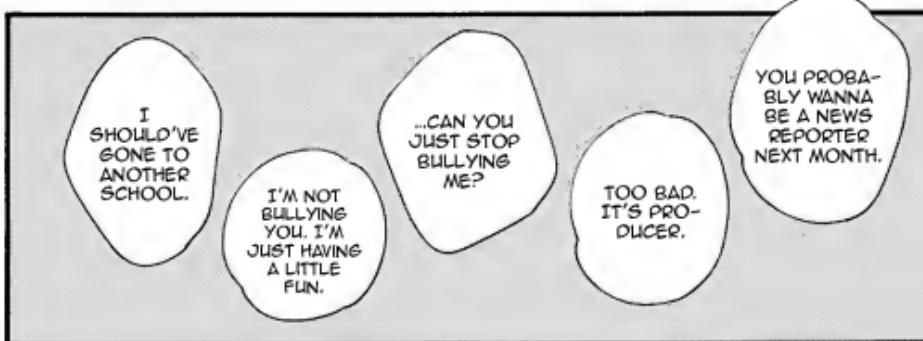


ALSO, IT BROUGHT US
CLOSER TOGETHER.















I've got nothing to do
with him, but



Probably up until now,



WE'VE
ALWAYS
BEEN

PASSING
EACH
OTHER BY
LIKE THIS.

...WELL,

SO I
WOULDN'T
KNOW WHAT
TO SAY.

















LET'S RUN.



YOU WERE
GONNA SAY
SOMETHING?

OH.
COME TO
THINK OF
IT,

YOU
KNOW.
WHEN THE
UMBRELLA
BROKE.

HUUH?

...OH.

IT'S
NOTHING.

NAH.

I hated it as a kid, but I
couldn't do anything about it.

When people see my name, they've
already decided what they'll call me.



I'd given up and I got
used to it.



It was always annoying and
I'd never been grateful for it.

EIGHTO.

SEE YA,

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Tachibana Akito

BEEP



So I asked my dad for advice that night.

And I thought maybe even this stupid name had a purpose.

When I was in middle school, that topic came up.



...WELL,

THAT'S
WHAT I
THOUGHT.

OH!

AHAHA,

IT'S
EIGHTO.

...MORN-
ING.

call.
2

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I CAN'T COPY THAT.

YEAH. I'M ALWAYS RESISTING THE DESIRE TO CRACK UP.

PFFT.

YEAH.

THAT'S THE ENGLISH TEACHER, TAJI-MA-SEN-SEI, YOU KNOW?

HIS VOICE SOMETIMES CRACKS, RIGHT?



OKAY.



OH.

Ever since then,

Who're you supposed to be?

GOOD MORNING, WHAT LOVELY EIGHT-WEATH-TO-DOED WE HAVE TODAY!

HOW DULL, EIGH-TO-DO-NO!

How noisy, Yokoi-do-no.

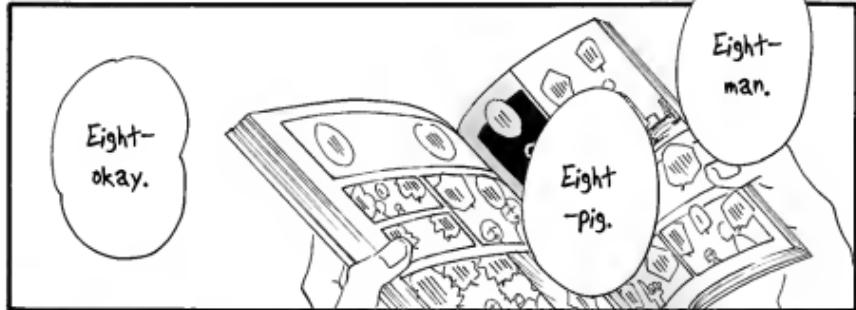
Ow!

AP

speak



and exchange a word or two.





Just like
this,



and ex-
change a
word or
two.

we
greet
each
other,



THAT'S
ALL IT
IS.

rattle







...BUT
THAT'S
NOT THE
POINT.

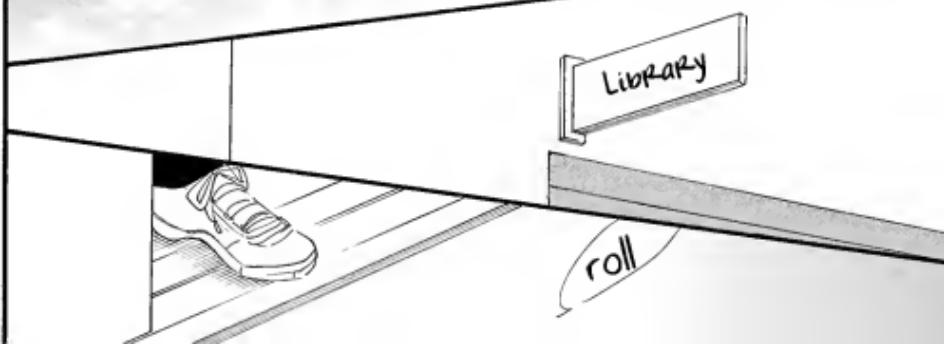
WITH HIS AT-
TITUDE, HE
PROBABLY
MAKES
FRIENDS
PRETTY
QUICK.

IF IT WAS BE-
CAUSE I WAS
"ME" ...











HUH?

NOPE!

YOU
SCARED
ME.

TO THINK
WE'D
MEET
HERE.

I SAY THAT,
BUT IT'S
REALLY
ONLY
SOME-
TIMES.

WELL, I
AM AN
EXAM
STUDENT.

YOU DO
YOUR
STUDYING
HERE?

THEN,

AT
LEAST
THAT'S
THE
PLAN.

ARE
YOU

HEY
EIGHTO.
ARE YOU
STAY-
ING
UNTIL IT
CLO-
SES?

chatter

LET'S GO HOME TO-
GETHER.

Our at-
tention
span is
basically
gone

by this
time
though.

MOST
PEOPLE
HAVE
LEFT.

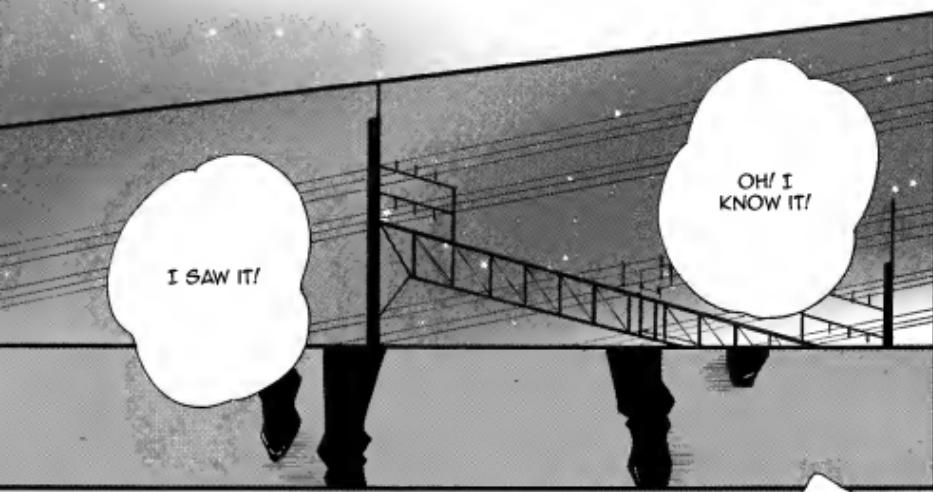
30 MORE
MINUTES.

















I
WOULDN'T
DUCK
UNDER THE
UMBRELLA
OF A GUY I
BARELY
KNOW.

YOU
THINK
SO?

YOU GET
ALONG WITH
PEOPLE AND
YOU HAVE A
TON OF
FRIENDS.

HM?
AT
WHAT?

AND YOU
CAN MAKE
FRIENDS
QUICKLY
WITH
ANYONE

WHAT?
ME?

I THINK
YOU'RE
AMAZ-
ING FOR
IT.

BECAUSE
THAT'S AN
IMPOSSI-
BLE THING
FOR ME,



IF IT WASN'T
YOUR UMBRELLA,
I WOULDN'T
HAVE GOTTEN
UNDER IT.

'me'?

Because it
was







WHAT
KINDA
FACE
AM I
MAKING
?

to like my own
name.

I thought
that it
wasn't pos-
sible



But,



As I
thought
it was.

It's not
as bad

YOU JUST
STOPPED IN
THE MIDDLE
OF THE
ROAD, SO I
THOUGHT
YOU
WEREN'T
FEELING
WELL.

SORRY,
SOMETHING
GOT
STUCK IN
MY SHOE.

OH
THAT'S
WHY.

NO,
IT
DOESN'T
MATTER!

YOU
WERE
LOOKING
REALLY
SLOOMY



YOU'RE
BEING
CALLED.



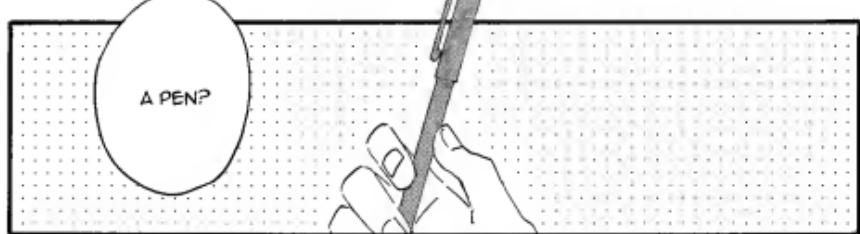


call.

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Nothing
strange
about it.



Our meeting may
have been uncon-
ventional,



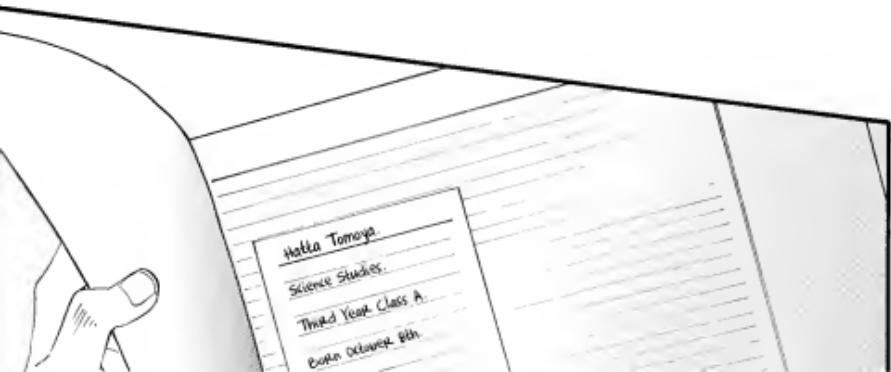
but every-
thing after-
ward was
normal.

Nothing
strange
about it.

That's how it's supposed to be.



But something feels off.





I wonder if we
would have gotten
to know each
other?







I look forward to it, so
it's not a waste of time.

That's because



Huh?



Is this what friends are?





This

Phrase is
harsh.

With a
smiling
face.

HM, I GUESS
IT'S PROBABLY
MEAT BUNS.

WHAT
ABOUT
YOU?

MEAT BUNS
HAVE GOTTA
BE MY FA-
VORITE.

This



Oh I see.



YUM.



Not friends.

Track
3,

now de-
parting.

For your
own
safety,
please
remain

behind
the white
line.

IT'S
GONE.

Rattle

Rattle





AND I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE I COULD'VE DROPPED IT.

BUT IT'S ALREADY DARK AND WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE ANYTHING.

UH...

THAT SUCKS.
YOU WANNA GO BACK?

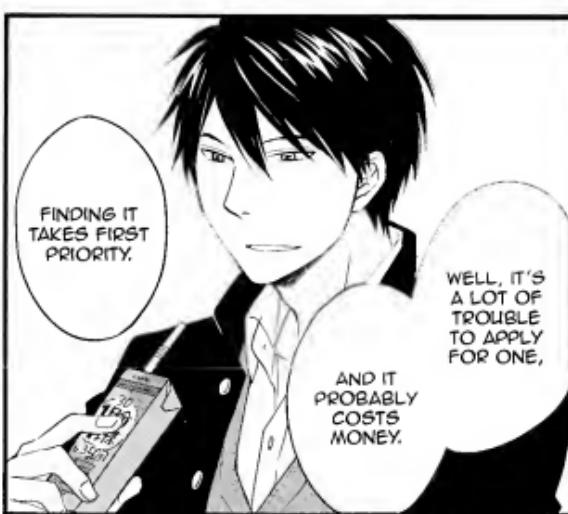
THIS SUCKS. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO LAST UNTIL GRADUATION.

I START LOOKING WHEN I GO TO SCHOOL TOMORROW.

ANYWAY,
GUESS I'LL BUY A TICKET TODAY.







yawn

HEY YOU
LOOK
TIRED.

AND THEN
IT'S THIS
WINDY.

I GOT UP
EARLIER
THAN USUAL
TO LOOK
FOR IT.

YEAH.

I'M SURPRISED
YOU HAVEN'T
TURNED GREEN
FROM DRINK-
ING ALL
THOSE.

AWW, I
DON'T
HAVE
ENOUGH.
I SHOULD'VE
BOUGHT AN-
OTHER ONE.

suck

HE'LL KNOW
RIGHT AWAY.

CAN YOU
ANSWER
FOR ME
DURING AT-
TENDANCE?

HOMEROOM'S
ABOUT TO
START, SO
YOU BETTER
HURRY.

I'M GONNA
TAKE A PISS
TO WAKE
MYSELF UP.

AHAHA.

ROLL



OF COURSE
YOU'D SCARE
ME AFTER
OPENING THE
DOOR

SO SUDDENLY.

UH,

OH,

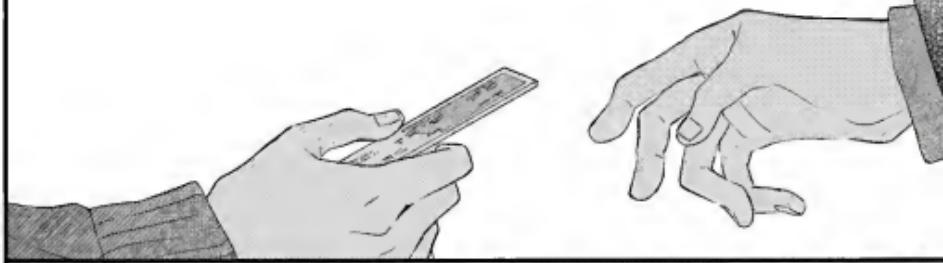
HUH?
EIGHTOP?

WHY'RE YOU
HERE? AND
WHAT'S UP?

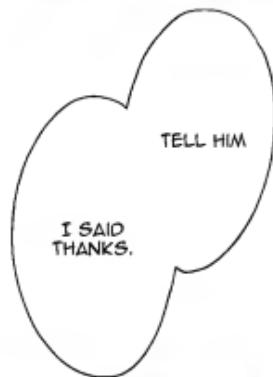
HERE.

Rustle

I FOUND IT.









But,

More than that,





HE'S AN
IDIOT.

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NAGISA
presents
number
call

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 9

call.
4

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NAGISA
presents
number
call

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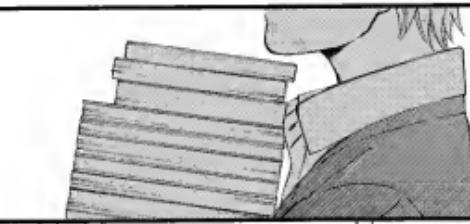
I've loved numbers
since I was a kid.

It's in
my last
name,

and also
in my
nickname.

And among
those, 8 was
my favorite
number.

I was really fond of it.



URGH.
THIS IS
REALLY
HEAVY...

And then,

HACHI.

And it was fitting
for a person.



...BUT IT'S
STILL
HEAVY,
RIGHT?

YEAH, MY
TEACHER
ASKED ME TO
HELP HIM
MOVE THESE.

SO I
THOUGHT
I COULD
FINISH IN
ONE TRIP

...YEAH, A
BIT.

BUT,

I'M

FINE...

THAT LOOKS
HEAVY, YOU
SURE
YOU'RE
FINE?

HUH?
EIGHTO?

wobble



WHUMP

W-

WOAH!

shake









IF I WERE A
GIRL, I'D DEFI-
NITELY WANT TO
DATE SOMEONE
LIKE YOU.

WHAT?

YOU
THINK
SO?

BUT DON'T
YOU THINK
I'M NOT
VERY
MANLY?

BEING
NICE IS
ONE
THING,

thud

WOAH.

YOU
SCARED
ME.





This is my first time

Seeing Eighto like this.

COME SPRING,
THOSE WHO
WANT TO
ENJOY,
PLEASE HOLD
BACK ON
THAT.

UM,
WINTER
BREAK
STARTS
TOMOR-
ROW.

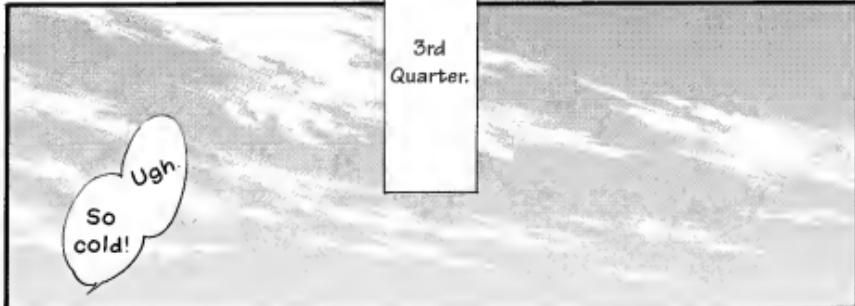
THIS WILL BE
YOUR LAST
TIME TO
ENJOY AND
EXPERIENCE
EVERYTHING.

In the
end,

we didn't
say any-
thing.

Winter
break
started.

And the
New Year
came.





Nothing was achieved.







I'M
PROBABLY

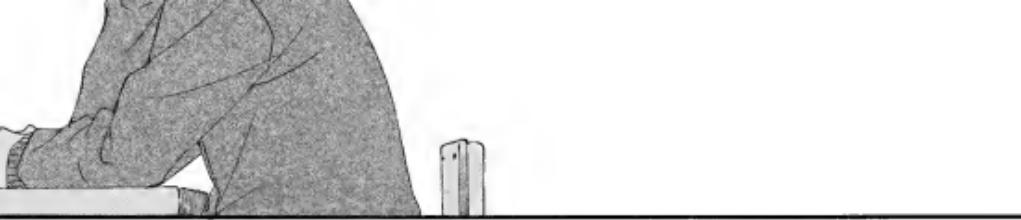
NOT GOING TO
THE LIBRARY
ANYMORE.

WAS WHAT I
SAID THAT
STRANGE?



What if he said the same thing to me?







I ONLY WENT
TO DO SOME
STUDYING...



OH.







What?



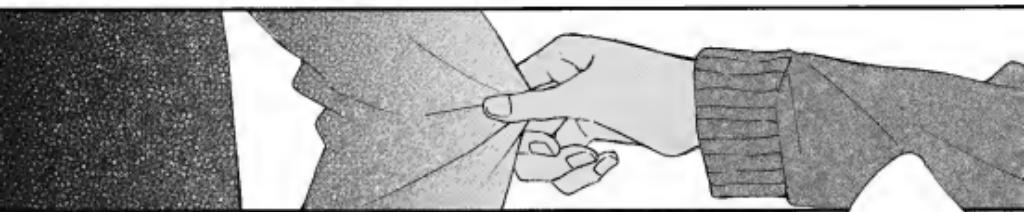
Huh?



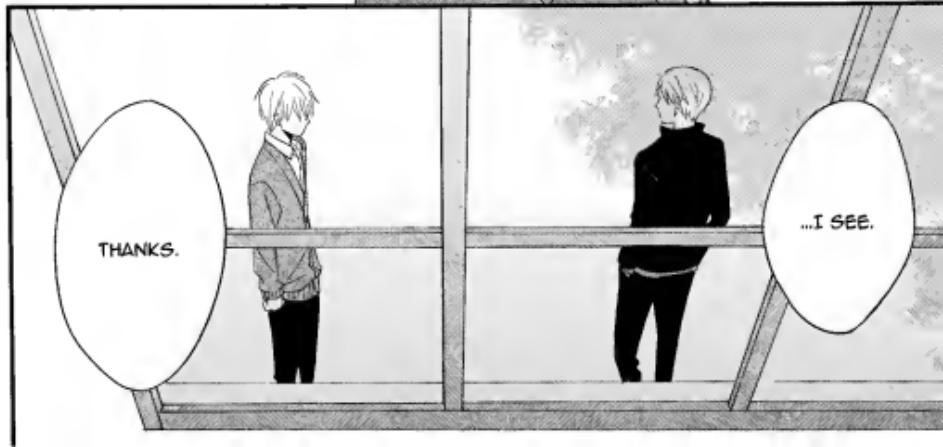
Who's that?



Because,



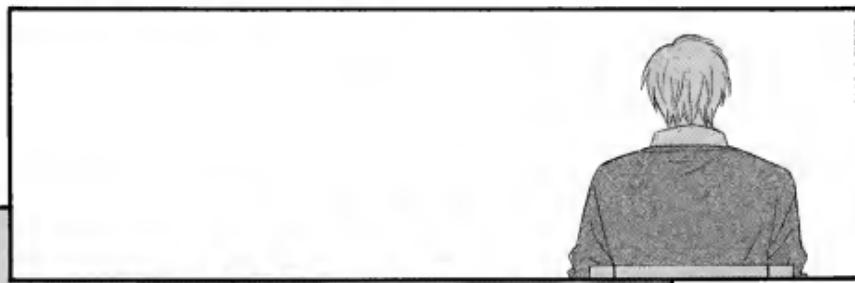








YOU LOOK LIKE
YOU'VE BEEN
DUMPED.







And it's
not like it
would've
been bad
if I hadn't
known.



It's not like I
would have
called him
differently
even if I knew.

That's why

You look like you've been dumped.



THAT'S
WHY...



You weren't
supposed to
make that
face.

IT SAID IT
WOULD SNOW
LAST WEEK.

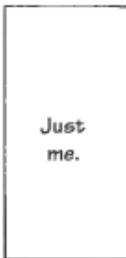
THAT RE-
MINDS
ME.

...IT'S
REALLY
SNOWING.

I was
the only
one
who
didn't
know.

WHAT A COLD
REASON.

Always



Just
me.



NOW I CAN
GRADUATE RE-
ASSURED.

I'M SO
GLAD.

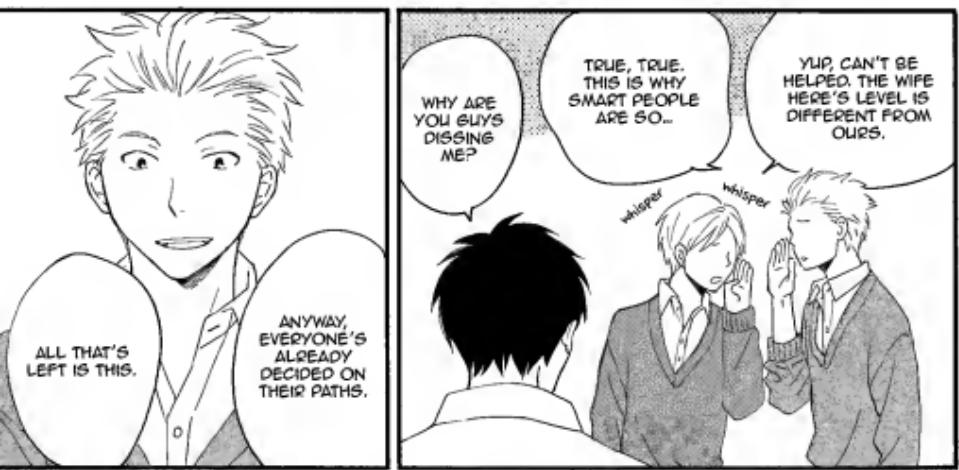
I BARELY
MADE IT.

Reas-
sured?

Rest

call.
5

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NAGISA
presents
number
call
12345679





But in the end,

It plagues my mind.



IT'S
HATTA-KUN.

OH.





HE GRABBED MY HAND WITH THIS SERIOUS FACE ON, AND TOLD ME HE HAD SOMETHIN'S TO TALK ABOUT.

WHAAAAT? NOTHING LIKE THAT.

MY HEART SKIPPED A BEAT.

Eek!

YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING UNNECESSARY, DID YOU?

ACTUALLY,

WHY...

THAT CREEPS ME OUT.

WHAT DID YOU

TALK ABOUT?

IT'S NOT A LIE THOUGH.

clench

...



GOT A COUSIN
COMING OVER,
SO SEE YA.

OKAY,

whip

I







HUH?

Huh?

My

name

Just like
that.

'EIGHTO'



REMEMBER
WHAT WE WERE
TALKING ABOUT?
TOMORROW
AFTER SCHOOL,
WE'RE GOING
TO YUTAKAN'S
HOUSE, RIGHT?

HMP?

COME
TO THINK
OF IT,

TOMOR-
ROW?

...

OH YEAH.
EXAMS ARE
OVER.

YUTAKAN'S
PRETTY AMAZING.
HE COMES FROM
AN ELITE FAMILY.

JINGLE

HE SAID HE GOT HIS
HANDS ON A BRAND
NEW MACHINE.
SHOW-OFF.

A
TEXT?

HMP?

...

tap
tap





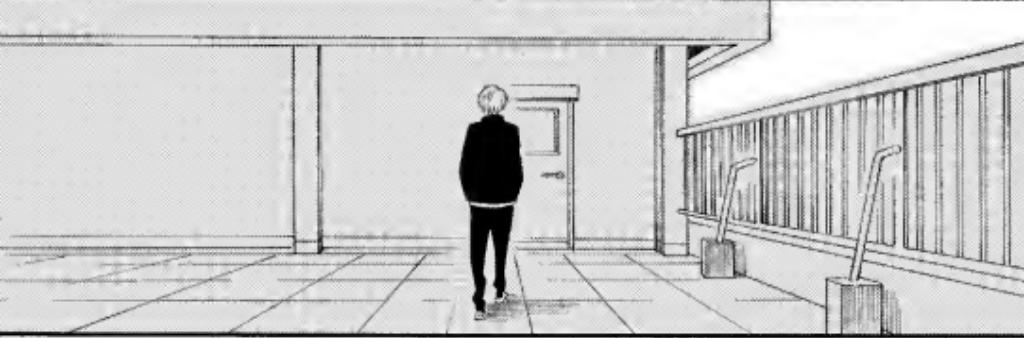


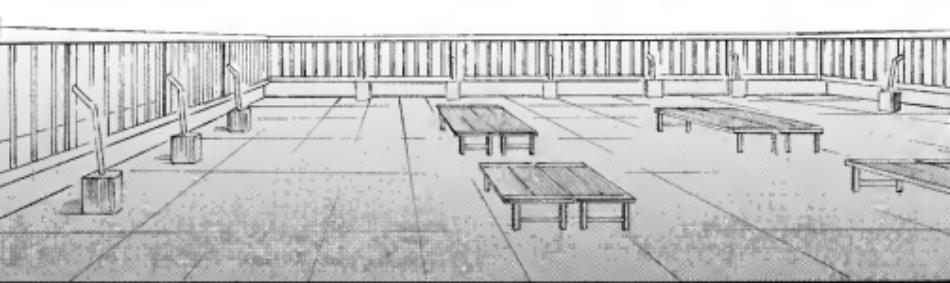
You
too...?

Just give
up...





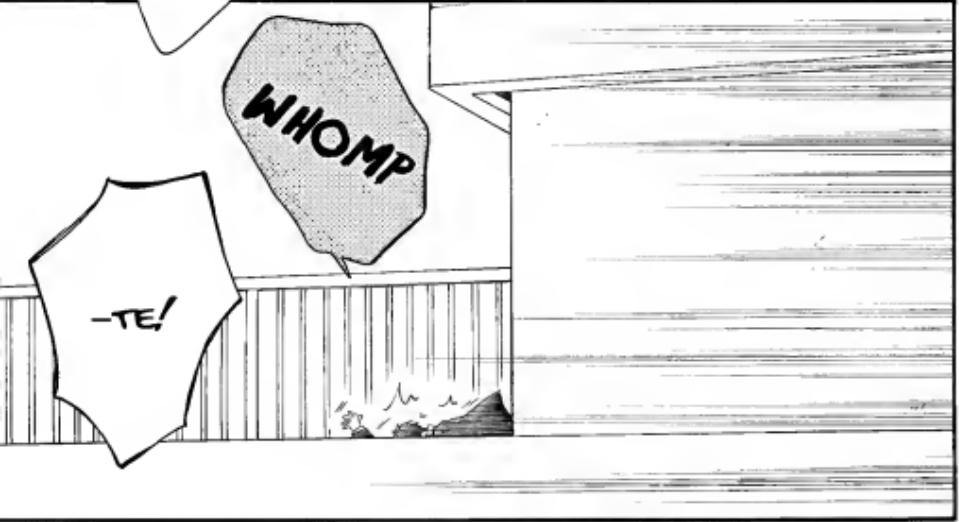






YOU'RE
LATE.







THAT WAS
REALLY LAME

OF ME.

...GEEZ.

I LIKE THAT
LAMENESS OF
YOURS.

BUT



But

I've gotta
say it.

SO?

If I say it

I might never
see this guy
again.

...

WHAT DID YOU
WANNA TALK
ABOUT?

IS ACTUALLY

AKITO.

MY NAME



THEN IT
WASN'T THAT
BAD.

I THOUGHT IF YOU
GOT TO KNOW ME
THROUGH MY NAME,

THANK YOU.

AS IN, NOT LIKE
A FRIEND.

I LIKE YOU.





I CAME HERE
READY TO BE
DUMPED.



SORRY.

I DIDN'T WANT
TO CAUSE YOU
ANY TROUBLE.

NOT BECAUSE
YOU DIDN'T
TELL ME YOUR
NAME,

BUT BECAUSE
I WAS THE
ONLY ONE
WHO DIDN'T
KNOW.

I'VE BEEN
THINKING
ABOUT IT,

—YOU
KNOW,

LIKE,

IT WAS A
HUGE SHOCK.

WHY?

I KEPT WON-
DERING

AND I WAS UPSET
AT THE DISTANCE
BETWEEN US.

I WANTED TO BE
THE ONE WHO
KNEW YOU BEST.

WE'RE BOTH
GUYS,

YET WHY DO I
KEEP THINKING
LIKE THAT?

I DID SAY IF I
WERE A GIRL,



I STILL
THINK THAT.

BUT EVEN
THOUGH I'M
NOT A GIRL,







I'M SO HAPPY.

...YEAH.

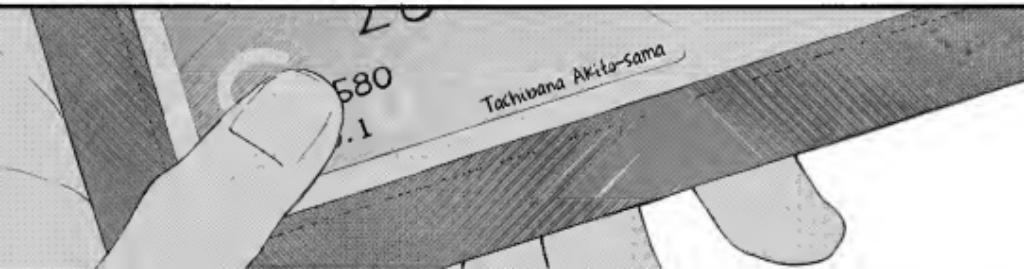




I'LL BE IN YOUR
CARE FROM NOW ON.



For me,

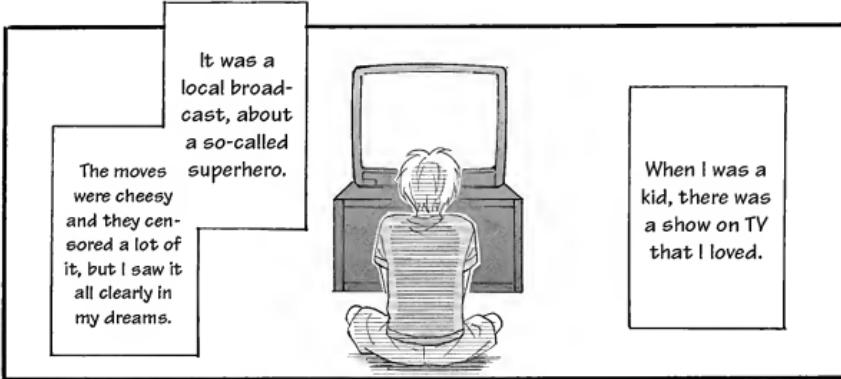




I've got two names.

beep

End.









HACHI.



HUH?





DID THAT ADD
TO YOUR COL-
LECTION?





End.

I'm always worried whether something was true

What?
Really?
Really?

Thank you all for reading my first comic.

And I'm always being punk'd in real life.

This isn't some 3D projection, right?

I think it's really there... flip Right?



Hello, nice to meet you.

Furuya here.



So that's how the two of them came to have their &-related names.

When I was thinking up their names, I thought, "Then let's make the name into a bit of a joke". So that's how it turned out.

I really liked the origin of the name.

And I'd really like to talk about the naming in this piece.



and all you readers out there:
Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

my friends,

Finally, I'd like to tell my editor from the publishing team,

Before I realized it, I'd given all of them nicknames.

This rings true for the main characters too, but I also had a lot of fun drawing their friends.

Until we meet again.



